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Title: Dry

Dry Chemical System for Extinguishing

Difficult Fuel or Flammable Liquid Fires in an Industrial Tank with a Roof Creating Space

Above the Liquid

Above the Liquid

Examiner:

Attorney Docket No.: 50262

# 2<sup>nd</sup> PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

Remarks Re Just Issued "Written Opinion"

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Dear Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

#### In the claims:

Please amend the claims as per the attached claim amendment sheets.

#### REMARKS

### Claim Amendments

The Search Report and Written Opinion for PCT/US04/26762 was mailed 3/8/06, after the 30-month deadline from the priority date of the PCT application. Hence, applicant files this preliminary amendment together with Remarks to the Written Opinion in this US national stage, since filing in the PCT case was impossible.

Independent apparatus claims 4 and 5 have been amended (from the 1<sup>st</sup> Preliminary Amendment) to indicate that the apparatus for creating the foam blanket and the apparatus for discharging dry chemical are both associated with the same opening communicating with the space. (Claim 4 also corrects a prior typo.)

Claim 6 has been amended to correct a typo.